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1 June 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: 29 May 1987 Counterterrorism Briefing for Senator Specter

1. The subject briefing was held in room 219 of the Senate Hart Office Building, per Senator Specter's request (see attached letter to the ADCI of 15 May 1987).

2. Staffers present included: Mr. Charlie Battaglia (Sen Specter's designee), Mr. John Nelson (Sen Hollings' designee), Mr. Jim Dykstra (Sen Cohen's designee), Mr. George Tenet, Ms. Natalie Bocock, Mr. John Wickham, and Committee Recorder Mr. Fred Ward.

3. The hearing started about 1415 hours; no other Senators were present. Senator Specter gave some brief opening remarks that focused on legislation he sponsored last year, which makes murder and other terrorist acts against U.S. persons abroad a crime punishable in U.S. courts of law if the perpetrators can be located and extradited to the U.S. for trial. The purpose of the briefing, he said, is to explore mechanisms that will allow the U.S. Government to take advantage of these new legal authorities.

25X1 4. The lead witness, [] (ADDO/CIA), began by introducing his
25X1 briefing team. He then gave an overview of the terrorist threat, and
intelligence collection against that target, as a means of introducing the
25X1 functions of the Counter Terrorism Center (CTC) at CIA. Senator Specter
25X1 interrupted [] presentation several times to seek "specifics" []

25X1 5. This interaction continued for approximately 10-15 minutes, with
Senator Specter continuing to press for more "specifics". Finally, []
stated that the Senator's questions dealt with aspects of sensitive CIA
operations, and Senator Specter thereupon cleared the room of everyone except
CIA personnel and some SSCI staff members. The remaining Community attendees
returned to their agencies.

25X1 6. Later in the evening I talked with [] a member of Dave Gries'
LL staff at CIA. She told me that Senator Specter seemed to relax more at the
rump session and that he expressed satisfaction with the information
provided. She thought that the next session would be a joint CIA-Justice
briefing, reflecting the Senator's obvious interest in "apprehension &
adjudication". Any further agenda is unclear at this time.


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7. The following Monday morning I called Dave Gries just to check on what further follow-up would be necessary for the Senator. Mr. Gries said as far as he was concerned, we should wait for their next request. I asked whether he had talked with Mr. Battaglia concerning the questions we had received prior to Friday's briefing, and whether any written answers or further responses were expected thereon. Mr. Gries replied that he had not discussed this with Mr. Battaglia, and again said that we should let matters rest until such time as we receive an additional request. Mr. Gries also asked me to let him handle any further interactions with the SSCI and Senator Specter on this issue.

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18 May 1987

To: D/ICS
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From:

Subject: Letter from SSCI Member Specter
to the ADCI

Attached is the subject correspondence, which we picked up late Friday evening after a call from Charlie Battaglia, who is Senator Specter's designee on the SSCI.

The letter is rather peculiar in that it is on the Senator's personal office letterhead, not Committee stationary, and speaks of an "inquiry" into Community activities on counterterrorism.

The original is attached for transmittal to the ADCI, along with a copy for your review. I have sent a copy to Dave Gries.



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21 May 1987

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR & DEPUTY DIRECTOR INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY STAFF

SUBJECT: 29 May Counterterrorism Briefing for Senator Specter

1. I met with SSCI staffer Charlie Battaglia this morning, who is Senator Specter's designee on the Committee, to discuss the subject request per the Senator's 15 May 1987 letter to Mr. Gates.

25X1 2. I suggested to Mr. Battaglia that we use the May 29 session to brief the Senator on the CTC--its mission, its activities and capabilities, and how it works with the Community to provide all-source intelligence support to policymakers. I suggested that the DO General Counsel, [redacted] also be present to address the Senator's concerns about the legal guidance and authorities for this effort. I also suggested that representatives from the LL offices of NSA, DIA, State and the FBI be present in order to afford them the necessary insights to be able to subsequently respond to the Senator's questions about their Agency's respective roles and activities in this area.

3. Mr. Battaglia expressed a strong desire to have Community experts at the briefing who could respond to detailed questions from the Senator about their collection efforts; he doubted that CTC personnel would be in a position to answer these types of questions if they arose. I noted that if we focused the initial briefing on the CTC, he could pursue these questions individually with each Agency at a later date. He said he would think about it further and would try to have some questions ready by Friday (22 May); this should help to focus the issues and indicate how we should proceed.

25X1 4. On a final point, he said he wanted Mr. Clarridge to lead the briefing, and that perhaps the NIO (Mr. Allen) should participate as well. I told him to discuss this with Dave Gries (I've passed all of this along to Mr. Gries in a phone call earlier today).

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Legislative Liaison, IC Staff

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**QUESTIONS FOR THE COUNTERTERRORISM TASK FORCE BRIEFING ON
FRIDAY, MAY 29, 1987**

With the Administration's growing emphasis on the rule of law as the principal means to counter international terrorism, major responsibility has been directed to the intelligence agencies to support the law enforcement agencies in their efforts to indict apprehend and prosecute terrorists for criminal actions committed against U.S. citizens and property. Such support could include information to identify terrorists, their locations and travels, information to support an indictment, assistance in the apprehension of terrorists and where possible, submission of hard evidence to support prosecution efforts. The sum total of such law enforcement support represents a somewhat new and conflicting role for intelligence agencies where the protection of sources and methods in collecting information has been of paramount importance. Consequently, the sharing of such information with law enforcement officers, other federal agencies and foreign governments raises important issues to be addressed.

The briefing will provide the forum to review

the Administration's tasking of the intelligence agencies, intelligence community plans and programs which have been developed to support such tasking and the resources applied in the form of people and equipment. How effectively such support can be and is being provided will also be a major focus of this briefing. For purposes of this session, focus will center on two highly publicized terrorists -- Abu Abhas and Abu Nidal.

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